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FOLLOWING REPEAT ALGIERS 3595 ACTION SECSTATE DEC 16.

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY

FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AG, SS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH BOUTEFLIKA

1. AM INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT BOUTEFLIKA LOOKS FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING YOU TOMORROW MORNING AND FEELS THIS WILL BE IMPORTANT MEETING. HE HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL WANT TO BRING WITH HIM ONE, POSSIBLY TWO, OF HIS PEOPLE TO INTERPRET AND TAKE NOTES. HIS CHOICE MAY BE BASHIR OULD ROUIS, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT THIS UNCERTAIN. BOUTEFLIKA HAS INDICATED TO HIS SUBORDINATES THAT IN ADDITION DISCUSSING QUESTIONS RELATING TO CONFERENCE, HE ALSO HOPES GET FROM YOU STATEMENT OF U.S. VIEWS TOWARDS NORTH AFRICAN REGION WHICH

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HE CAN TRANSMIT TO BOUMEDIENE. THIS MEANS, IN PARTICULAR,

I PRESUME, STATEMENT OF OUR VIEWS ON SAHARA QUESTION AND
HOW WE SEE BALANCE OF POWER IN AREA.

2. WITH REGARD SPANISH SAHARA, ON RETURN FROM THREE WEEKS
CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON I AM IMPRESSED WITH INCREASED ALGERIAN
AGITATION ON THIS ISSUE. PRESS, TV AND RADIO GIVING MUCH
PUBLICITY TO CHARGES OF MOROCCAN AGGRESSION, GENOCIDE
AND MISTREATMENT OF SAHARANS IN GENERAL AND THERE HAVE BEEN
SERIES OF RALLIES IN SUPPORT POLISARIO. WE ARE TOLD THERE
IS GOOD DEAL OF POPULAR SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF GOING TO WAR
OVER ISSUE, BUT JUST HOW STRONG THIS SENTIMENT REALLY IS
WE DO NOT KNOW. THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT STRENGTHENING
OF ALGERIAN MILITARY POSTURE VIS-A-VIS MOROCCANS AND RISK
OF BORDER CLASHES LEADING TO SERIOUS FIGHTING HAS BEEN
INCREASED ACCORDINGLY. THERE REMAINS, HOWEVER, A CERTAIN
AIR OF UNREALITY ABOUT ALGERIAN POSTURE AND
MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HERE ARE
UNCERTAIN WHAT BOUMEDIENE HAS IN MIND AND WHAT ALGERIANS
EXPECT TO EMERGE FROM PRESENT CONFRONTATION WITH
MOROCCANS. THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE LESS THAN TOTAL
UNANIMITY ON SUBJECT AMONG BOUMEDIENE'S COLLEAGUES AND
BOUTEFLIKA HIMSELF IS REPUTED TO BE ONE OF THE DOVES.

3. OUR VOTE FOR THE PRO-MOROCCAN RESOLUTION LAST WEEK HAS
SO FAR NOT BROUGHT ABOUT A PERCEPTIBLE CHANGE IN ALGERIAN
ATTITUDES TOWARDS US. WHETHER EXPLANATION IS ALGERIAN
DESIRE FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH US OR BELIEF
WE INCORRIGIBLE AND THEREFORE NOT WORTH GETTING MAD AT,
OR WHETHER THERE IS SOME OTHER EXPLANATION REMAINS TO BE
SEEN. IN ANY EVENT, IT LOOKS FROM HERE AS THOUGH ALGERIAN
ATTITUDES AT PARIS MEETING ARE NOT GOING TO BE ADVERSELY
AFFECTED BY DISPLEASURE OVER OUR ROLE IN SAHARA QUESTION.
ONE REASON MAY BE THAT, ACCORDING KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIAL (ABERKANE), SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS
DENIED TO ALGERIANS ALLEGATIONS THAT WE PUT PRESSURE ON
SPAIN TO TAKE PRO-MOROCCAN STANCE. BOUMEDIENE HAS BEEN
INFORMED OF THIS. WHATEVER REASON FOR RELATIVELY RELAXED
ATTITUDE TOWARD US, WE GRATEFUL.

4. I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE OCCASION IMPRESS ON BOUTEFLIKA
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IMPORTANCE OF ALGERIA'S SENDING AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.
LACK OF COMPETENT REPRESENTATION THERE HAS BEEN
REAL OBSTACLE TO SMOOTHER FUNCTIONING OUR RELATIONS AND TO
PRESENTATION OF THEIR POSITIONS TO USG. AS IT IS NOW,
THEY SEEM EXPECT ME TO PERFORM LATTER FUNCTION. PARKER
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